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The Hon. Shadrack Bailey Turner, Member of the Legislature of Illinois, Severely Condemned the Hon. Edward F. Dunne in the Columns of His "No Idea," November 2, 1912, Just a Few Days Before He Was Elected Governor of Illinois. Notwithstanding This Fact, the Hon. Shadrack Bailey Turner Received Almost \$1000 Worth of State Printing from Governor Dunne in 1914

AT THAT TIME IT WAS HERALDED FAR AND NEAR THAT THE HON. EDWARD F. DUNNE WAS A COMPLETE FAILURE AS MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

THAT HON. WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL, HIS COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS; HIS CHIEF OF POLICE, AND HIS ATTORNEY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURER OF HIS CAMPAIGN, WERE ALL INDICTED BY THE COOK COUNTY GRAND JURY FOR CONSPIRACY, CHEATING AND DEFRAUDING.

THAT MAYOR DUNNE FAILED TO SETTLE THE TRACTION QUESTION; THAT HE FAILED TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THE CITY; THAT THE DISORDERLY OR CRIMINAL ELEMENT FLOURISHED LIKE A GREEN BAY TREE UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION; THAT HE LEFT A LARGE DEFICIT IN THE SCHOOL FUND, AND OTHERWISE GREATLY MISMANAGED THE AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

IT SEEMS THAT GOV. EDWARD F. DUNNE IS ONE OF THOSE RARE OR PECULIAR CONSTITUTED INDIVIDUALS WHO FEELS THAT IT IS HIS SOLEMN DUTY TO LEAD THAT CLASS OF COLORED REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER MEN WHO DELIGHT TO BELITTLE HIS BUSINESS ABILITY AND PICTURE HIM OUT AS BEING THOROUGHLY INCAPABLE OF MANAGING OR DIRECTING THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE GREAT STATE OF ILLINOIS.

If there is one man in the great state of Illinois who can successfully ride many political horses in many directions at the same time, that man is the Hon. Shadrack Bailey Turner, member of the Legislature of the grand old state of Abraham Lincoln; and if there is another White politician, either Democratic or Republican, in this state who can surpass the Hon. Edward F. Dunne in falling for his kind of noise, they can have our goat every day in the week and Sunday, too, for on Saturday, November 2, 1912, just a few days before the Hon. Edward F. Dunne was elected governor of this state, he was severely condemned by the Hon. Shadrack Bailey Turner through the columns of his "No Idea." At that time he contended that the Hon. Edward F. Dunne was a dismal or a complete failure as mayor of Chicago.

That dishonesty and robbery were rampant in all the departments of the city government while he was weakly attempting to discharge his duty as its chief ruler; that the Hon. William L. O'Connell, his commissioner of public works; his chief of police and his attorney for the police department, and treasurer of his campaign, were all indicted by the Cook County Grand Jury for conspiracy, cheating and defrauding the public in one way or another. That Mayor Dunne absolutely failed to settle the traction question; that he utterly failed to maintain order in this city; that the disorderly or the criminal element bloomed and flourished like a Green Bay tree under his administration; that he left a large deficit in the school fund, and otherwise greatly mismanaged the affairs of the city of Chicago.

Right at this point we will step aside for a few moments and permit the Hon. Shadrack Bailey Turner to set forth his opinions of the Hon. Edward F. Dunne in his own way and very brilliant style.

EDWARD F. DUNNE

Mr. Dunne as mayor of Chicago: A failure. He failed to settle the traction question. He failed to maintain order in the city. He failed in the selection of men for chiefs of his departments and members of his board of education. His chief of police, commissioner of public works, attorney for the police department and treasurer of his cam-

paign were indicted for conspiracy, cheating and defrauding.

He demoralized the public works. In two years he increased Chicago's expenses \$14,765,393. This was at the rate of \$7,382,696 a year.

His law department expended \$100,000 more than that of his predecessor. He left \$1,000,000 deficit in the school fund.

Mr. Dunne as governor
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PAPEERS SCORE DUNNE AS MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

The Tribune Calls His Administration an "Unrelenting Brain-Storm"—Others Condemn Him.

Voters will find the comments of Chicago newspapers on Mr. Dunne's administration as Mayor interesting this last week of the campaign. Those opinions, written at the conclusion of Mr. Dunne's term of two years as mayor may well cause voters apprehension as they approach the election next Tuesday for governor. The following are some of the editorials:

The kind of administration that might be expected from Mayor Dunne if he were elected is exactly the same kind that we have had for the last two years. His weird school board, his kaleidoscopic traction policy, his inefficient department of public works, his crime-protecting police force have tremendously damaged Chicago in the last two years. A continuation for four years of this unremitting brain storm would mean a civic disaster.—Chicago Tribune.

As the tool of radicals whose methods are harmful or impossible Mayor Dunne has been a demoralizing force. The board of education, for example, has been transformed with his consent into an instrument to record the wishes of a handful of uneasy spirits among the teaching force and of their advisers. The fire department has become a rallying point for agitators. The mayor's boast of beneficial service are joined with deliberate debauching of the police for political purposes.—Chicago News.

Dance halls are operated in connection with saloons. Disreputable persons are given permits. Liquor is sold after hours. Liquor is sold to minors. Disorderly hotels are usually maintained as annexes. The police loaf at the

bars and take no steps to enforce any of the applicable ordinances. Under Chief Collins' protecting care organized cliques of gamblers have reaped their regular profits without disturbance, and only "outsiders" have been interfered with. For the last few weeks the town has been "wide open" to all kinds of gamblers, but the protected elements know that this is but a temporary phenomenon and that the chief can be counted on to give the favorites their monopoly again as soon as the election is over, if he has the chance. The slot-machine graft under police protection has been notoriously of service both to campaign funds and to private funds, and a slot machine is merely a device for robbery masquerading as a gambling machine. Mayor Dunne thinks such conditions as these are "good politics." The vote next Tuesday should show him that he has made a mistake.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Edward F. Dunne Taken Up.

"Opposed to Gov. Deneen we have a candidate who was inefficient and a disappointment as mayor. His administration was a series of failures. He failed to maintain order in the city. He failed to conduct the affairs of the city in a businesslike way. The appropriation for the expenses of the city of Chicago the last year of his administration were \$12,888,935.97 in excess of the annual appropriation under his predecessor. He left a deficit of \$1,000,000 in the board of education and demoralized the schools.

"Yet with such a candidate opposed to Governor Deneen, the 'Bull Moose' party has come to Mr. Dunne's assistance. Every vote that is given to Mr. Funk will help Mr. Dunne. Mr. Funk stands no show of election. With this situation facing us, it is time for friends of good government to awake to the situation. Mr. Dunne is a menace to Chicago's prosperity and his election would be a public disaster."—From the Illinois Idea, Saturday, November 2, 1912.

It seems that the Hon. Edward F. Dunne is one of those rare or very peculiar constituted White birds who feels that it is his solemn duty to reward that class of Colored Republican newspaper men who delight to belittle him in every way and to make fun of his business ability and picture him out as being in every way incapable of managing or directing the affairs of the great state of Illinois.

And for writing and publishing the above article which appeared in the columns of the No Idea Saturday, November 2, 1912, the Hon. Shadrack Bailey Turner received almost one thousand dollars' worth of state printing from the Hon. Edward F. Dunne in 1914 as his reward or pay.

CLAIM COMMISSION FUNDS ARE WASTED.

Colored Men Ask Appropriations Committee to Withhold Further Funds from Negro Semi-Centennial Commission.

Charging that certain members of the special commission created by the general assembly two years ago to prepare for the celebration of fifty years of Negro freedom are wasting the money appropriated, a committee of Colored men appeared before the appropriations committee, Wednesday evening, June 9, to protest against the fur-

ther allowance of state money unless the commission is reorganized.

"All but \$2,000 of the \$25,000 appropriated two years ago is spent because the Colored leaders in the commission have been running up expense accounts and having a good time," declared J. F. Taylor of Chicago, editor of The Broad Ax. The White men on the commission are not taking their work seriously and the Colored men are profiting by it. They are without business ability and the money is being squandered."

The men who came to protest beside Editor Taylor, are C. C. Wilson, of Cairo, editor of the Baptist Truth; W. H. Pitts, of East St. Louis, editor of The Eagle; the Rev. G. W. Dickey of this city; D. J. Smith of Peoria; and W. T. Scott, H. B. Hughes and Richard Bean of Springfield.

Thomas W. Swann of Chicago, secretary of the commission, and the Rev. A. J. Carey of Chicago, a member of the commission, are said to be mainly responsible for the expenditure of the appropriation money. George W. Ford of this city and Major R. R. Jackson of Chicago are also members of the commission.

The plan is to hold the celebration in the coliseum at Chicago, between the dates of August 22 and September 16.—From Illinois State Register, Springfield, Ill., Thursday June 10, 1915.



MADAM E. AZALIA HACKLEY.

One of the most noted musical instructors in the United States who will be extended a welcome reception by the citizens of Chicago at Olivet Baptist Church, Monday evening, June 21.

ED. J. F. TAYLOR DOWN TO LEAD DELEGATION AGAINST APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 MORE FOR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM, TO BE MISMANAGED BY CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS—COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED \$5,000 WITH RESTRICTIONS.

Ed. J. F. Taylor of Chicago, publisher of The Broad Ax, spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the city. He came down to join the down state delegation who are protesting against Representative R. R. Jackson's bill asking for an appropriation of \$25,000 more for the aid of the half century of freedom exposition for the commission who have recklessly spent \$23,000, it is said, of the first \$25,000 appropriated with practically no result.

The delegation called on the governor and consulted many members of the appropriation committee and stated their grounds for protesting against the legislature appropriating any more money until said commission is reorganized by removing the secretary, Thos. Wallace Swann, and the three commissioners, Major G. W. Ford, Dr. A. J. Carey, and Rep. R. R. Jackson, who have placed their relatives on the payroll. The records show that Mr. Ford placed his son, Dr. Carey his daughter and Major Jackson his son on the payroll and drew the taxpayers' money. The record also shows that the Fraternal Printing Company of Chicago has drawn a large sum of money,

over \$4,000, for printing and it further shows that Major R. R. Jackson is the president of said printing company and he is a representative and a commissioner and that he voted for the appropriation of the first \$25,000 and now wants \$25,000 more set aside.

The delegation succeeded in having the amount asked for cut down to \$5,000 with restrictions and they don't think the house should vote that sum to them to be distributed with no apparent results.—The Leader, Springfield, Ill., June 12, 1915.

NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

The program at the Negro Fellowship League Sunday June 20th will be rendered by the Alpha Suffrage Club. All are cordially invited to be present at meetings held every Sunday at the Reading Room, 3005 State Street, 4 P. M. Last Sunday a rousing meeting was held. Mr. W. C. Farmer and Mrs. Irene McCoy Gaines gave many vital points on what the Negro should do in regard to the "Birth of The Nation." It was voted to send a delegation to Springfield to aid passage of Jackson Bill against it. Prof. Kelly Miller of Washington D. C. and Dr. Robert Park of the University of Chicago, were present and made brief talks. The League is planning a conference on race matters some time in the near future. Ida B. Wells Barnett, president.